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July 1st due date RY 2006 TRI Reports

Don't forget that reporting year 2006 reports are due July 1st. Indiana's preferred method of submission is via the internet to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Central Data Exchange (CDX) <http://cdx.epa.gov> or *TRI-MEweb*. The CDX allows you to submit one time and your reports are automatically sent to both the state and EPA simultaneously. To submit via CDX, simply use the TRI-ME software on CD or downloadable at www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/ and then submit electronically one time via the internet.

Over 60 percent of Indiana facilities are now using CDX. Each year that number grows. Remember, soon EPA plans to eliminate the diskette version of TRI-Me and encourages all sources to submit via CDX or *TRI-MEweb*.

Reporting Forms/Instruction Booklets

Reporting forms and instruction booklets are no longer being sent by EPA. The following link will provide you with an electronic copy of the Reporting Forms and Instructions for 2006. http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/TRI_RFI_2006.pdf

TRI Contact Information

TRI-ME and CDX User Support

Hotline: 1-888-890-1995

Internet: www.epa.gov/cdx/

TRI Information Center

Hotline: 1-800-424-9346

TRI Frequently Asked Questions Online Service

http://tri.custhelp.com/cgi-bin/tri.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php

RY 2006 Software is Available

Download your Reporting Year 2006 TRI-ME software at the following web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/software/index.htm>

This new version of RY 2006 TRI-ME is now compatible with both Internet Explorer 6[®] and Internet Explorer 7[®].

Annual Training Workshop a Success

Approximately 70 attendees were present at Indiana's TRI Workshop on May 22nd, which was held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Government Conference Center. The workshop evaluations were overwhelmingly positive:

"The instructor (Kurt Rindfusz of ERG) was fantastic!"

"The update on changes for Reporting Year 2006 was very helpful".

The one common suggestion for improvement was to hold the workshop earlier in the year (perhaps March or April).

IDEM values your comments and will stress to U.S. EPA the benefit this would provide to TRI reporters in our state. If you were unable to attend, you can still download the powerpoint slides at:

<http://envr.abtassoc.com/tritraining/TRIReg.exe>.

■ Indiana Facilities Receive Regulatory Incentives and Recognition from IDEM

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is rewarding facilities for their environmental stewardship by providing regulatory incentives and statewide public recognition. The Indiana Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP) encourages Indiana entities to proactively implement an environmental management system and a management philosophy of continual environmental improvement.

Similar to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Performance Track Program (NEPT), ESP is designed to achieve environmental results by recognizing innovation, motivating organizations to work toward environmental improvements, and complementing existing regulatory activities.

ESP recognizes Indiana facilities with an environmental management system, history of regulatory compliance, and a commitment to environmental improvement. In an effort to allow high performing facilities to focus their limited resources on environmental improvements, ESP membership offers operational and regulatory flexibility from IDEM, providing real business value through the program.

"There are many businesses that do good things, environmentally, because they care about protecting our air, land and water, and we strive to help them. Businesses that practice voluntary pollution prevention often lower their operational costs, which is a huge incentive. Through ESP, Indiana offers tangible regulatory incentives for companies that have a high level of commitment to environmental compliance and pollution prevention," said Thomas W. Easterly, commissioner of the IDEM, the state agency that manages ESP.

Such regulatory flexibility includes expedited permits and flexible permit language, reduced reporting and inspection frequency, and advanced announcement of inspections. In other words, a proactive approach to environmental management permit more strategically targeted resource allocation for program members and IDEM.

IDEM collaborated with the U.S. EPA during the development of ESP so Indiana organizations can simultaneously apply and receive recognition in ESP and NEPT. IDEM announced the 14 charter ESP members on March 13, 2007. The charter members have committed to continuous improvement in the coming three years. Collective efforts during their first year of membership will result in these reductions:

- Energy usage by approximately 137,876 megawatt hours, comparable to the electricity that 12,500 households consume yearly;

"This new program is a boost for Indiana – it provides businesses with a mechanism to focus more time on implementing projects that are both good for the environment and their business, a good thing for all Hoosiers."

-Governor Daniels

- Hazardous material procurement and waste by 292 tons, an amount comparable to sixteen (16) tanker trucks of liquid hazardous waste;
- Carbon dioxide by approximately 331 metric ton equivalents, an amount comparable to removing 58 cars from the road for an entire year;
- Volatile organic compound emissions by 157 tons, an amount comparable to emissions from painting the interiors of 13,083 homes; and,
- Non-hazardous waste by 6,603 tons, an amount comparable to the solid waste that 8,000 households generate each year.

To maintain membership, organizations must reapply every three years. Applications are accepted twice per year: April 1 – May 31 and September 1 – October 31.

If you are interested in pursuing membership in ESP, but have not yet implemented an environmental management system, please enroll in a free Environmental Management System Development Workshop provided by the Indiana Clean Manufacturing Technology Institute at Purdue University. A certified ISO 14001 Environmental Management System instructor will guide workshop attendees through each phase of the development process.

Environmental management system development will occur as a series of four to five workshops over several months.

The next ESP application round occurs September 1 – October 31, 2007. Please contact Stacey Martindale, ESP Program Manager, at 317.233.5554, or by e-mail at smartin@idem.IN.gov to receive additional program information or to register for an environmental management system workshop. ESP program information can also be found by visiting IDEM's Web site at <http://www.idem.IN.gov/prevention/esp>.

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